

REMARKS

Applicants have submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This request complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a). In particular:

- (i) Prosecution in the application is closed, since the last Office action was a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.
- (ii) The Request is accompanied by a submission, specifically, the amendments to the claims set out above, and the information disclosure statement submitted with this filing.
- (iii) The Request is accompanied by the fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request grant of their Request for Continued Examination.

If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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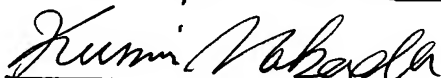
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